

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
17 September, 2019

The July meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 17 September, 2019. The meeting was hosted by President Charles Ward, KC9MUT.

There were about 35 folks in attendance and following the Pledge of Allegiance, each person introduced themselves via their call sign.

Jim Moehring, KB9WWM announced that the 2019 Fort for Fitness event would occur on Saturday 28 September, and that they were still looking to enlist a few more (ham) volunteers to help with the communications support function. Contact Jim if you can help.

Charles commented on the September Foxhunt. Charles and Fred Gengnagel, KC9EZP served as the fox and hid out amongst the school buses parked behind Leo Junior-Senior High School. They were chased by the team of Jim and Annie Pliett, K9OMA & KA9YYI plus Carole and Al Burke, WB9's RUS and SSE, the team of Steve and Linda Nardin, W9's SAN & LAN plus their grandson Alex, and by the team of Don Glick, K9LI and his wife Julie. The Pliett/Burke team found the microfox first so they will serve as the fox for the October hunt which will occur on Sunday, 6 October.

Jim Pliett reported that he has the 146.16/76 machine back up and running. Something fried in the Motorola unit that was in use for that machine, so he replaced it with one of our Master II units.

Bob Streeter, W8ST, gave the Treasurer's report. As of 17 September, 2019 the numbers were as follows:

Income year-to-date \$7,328.55,
Expenses year-to-date \$4,533.25,
Cash on hand \$43.00,
Checking \$2,334.86,
Savings \$1,830.49,
Vanguard Account balance \$11,207.82,
Members, 130

Steve Nardin reported that he is looking into the possibility of having some commemorative T-shirts or Golf shirts made that proclaim the Fort Wayne Radio Clubs 100 year anniversary which will be occurring in 2020. Among other things, club members could wear these items at the upcoming Ft. Wayne Hamfest, and during the special event station activities we have planned throughout 2020. Steve will provide additional information as it develops.

Don Glick noted that a Straight Key Sprint is planned to occur from 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm on Tuesday, 24 September. All are welcome to join in.

Charles opened nominations for FWRC Officers and Directors. They will be voted on during the November club meeting. Those folks willing to run for various offices are as follows:

President – Carole Burke - WB9RUS
Vice President – Linda Nardin - W9LAN
Secretary – Al Burke - WB9SSE
Treasurer, Debbie Jenks - KB9DEB
Board of Directors – Steve Nardin, W9SAN, Jim Plummer, KD9GDY, Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ, Clark Derbyshire, KG9FM, Brian Jenks, W9BGJ
Communications Manager, Charles Ward, KC9MUT

Nominations will be reopened during the November club meeting just before we vote. We are always looking for more people willing to run for office and serve the club. Why not consider throwing YOUR hat in the ring?

Following the business meeting, Steve Nardin provided a presentation on techniques that ought to reduce co-channel / co-band interference such as which plagued us during the last Field Day operation at the Old Fort. A few experiments have been conducted and a group formed to further test the theory of what should work in preparation for the next Field Day and upcoming special event operations.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Burke, WB9SSE
Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club